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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Hiroshi HAMANO et al.)
Serial No.: 10/630,936)
Filed: July 31, 2003)
For: LIGHT-EMITTING-ELEMENT ARRAY)
Atty Ref.: MAE 291)

RESPONSE TO
ELECTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated July 21, 2004, Applicants elect the invention of the Species 2 as shown in Figure 8, i.e., the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, for further examination. The election is made without traverse.

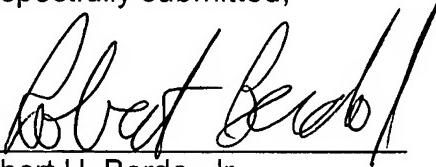
For the Examiner's information, Claim 3 defines that each of the segments of the array of light-emitting elements includes just two light-emitting elements. Although the embodiment of Figure 8 is shown to include just one light-emitting element in each segment, it can be modified so that each segment includes two light-emitting elements, as described in the paragraph bridging pages 27 and 28.

Claim 11 recites defining that the first conductive type (conductive type of the semiconductor layer) is n-type and the second conductive type is p-type. In

connection with the embodiment of Figure 8, the semiconductor layer 3 is said to be n-type, so that claim 11 can be said to read on the embodiment of Figure 8.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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